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Bill Number: SB 474

Disposition: Proponent

Name: Mary Burger

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee: First, I would like to apologize for sending two emails on this subject but not being versed in the proper etiquette of emailing Senators. I have been schooled and will now attempt a second version.

I am writing to strongly encourage the Legislature to adopt SB 474. As a Prairie Village citizen, I would like the opportunity to vote on critical issues, especially when my elected representatives repeatedly ignore my voice and refuse to listen to my wishes and those of the communities. It is incredibly frustrating when we followed state statutes and the mayor and council chose to ignore all of the residents. Because the city council refused to listen to the people, 3700 PV residents signed the petitions to put our concerns on the November ballot. At this point, the city waited and sued the residents, which blocked our ability to vote. This action by the city council and the city attorney is lawfare, plain and simple. It is under appeal at this point. However, it should never have gone this far, which is why I support this legislation.

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